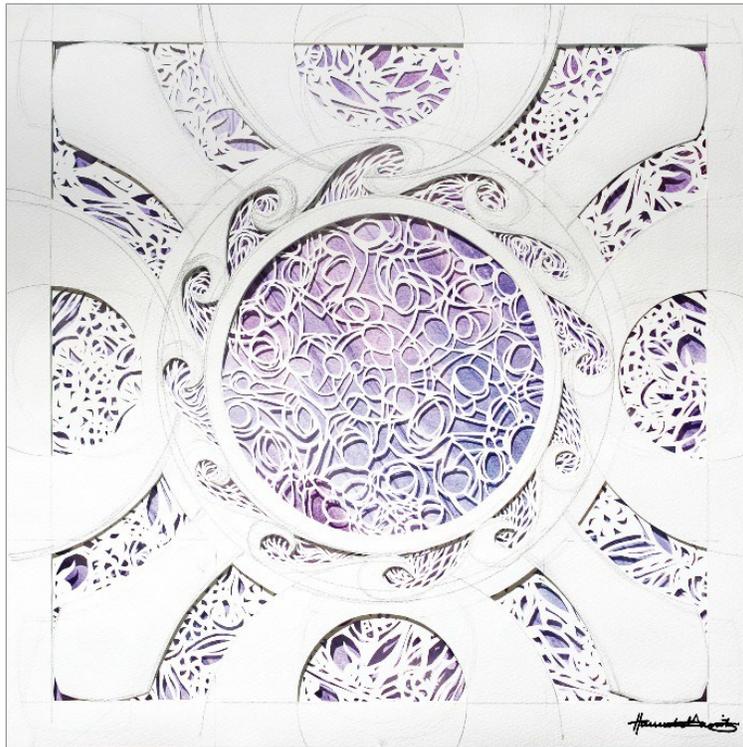

Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.



Scarce Abundance, by Hanna Garrity, A Sanctified Art 2026

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

RINGING OF THE BELL & INTROIT

The Glory of These Forty Days

6th century chant

*So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lion's might.
And John, the Savior's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.*

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Megan Klose

ONE: If you need good news, settle into this space.

ALL: We have good news to share.

ONE: If you need a word of hope, then trust us when we say,

ALL: There is hope enough to go around.

ONE: If you need a glimmer of joy, then you are in luck!

ALL: We have resilient joy abounding.

ONE: If you need to feel God's presence in your midst, then know that this is God's house.

ALL: This is the good news of the gospel. God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move. Let us worship our with-us God!

*** GATHERING HYMN 305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nancy Jones

ONE: Friends, we are like the disciples. The day that Jesus fed the five thousand, his disciples could not imagine a solution to the crowd's hunger. They told Jesus to send the crowds away. We often do the same. Like the disciples, we try to follow Jesus around, but when we run into issues, we often cannot imagine how we could play a part. That is why we need the prayer of confession. For in this prayer, we remember that we can make a difference. So, friends, join me in this moment of truth telling.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Holy God, with you the impossible is possible. Five thousand can be fed. The blind can see. The hopeless can find hope. With you the impossible is possible, but we are quick to forget that. We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done. We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd. We forget that you are always with us. Forgive our small-minded ways. Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come. But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it. With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayer in Silence

** Please rise in body or spirit*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: No matter how many mistakes the disciples made, Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them beloved. The same is true for you and me, so hear this good news:

ALL: **Today is a new day, and once again, we are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone. That is good, good news. Amen.**

* SING GLORY TO GOD

Lenten Gloria

Ho-ly, ho-ly Lord of mer - cy, Ho-ly God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, You a-lone are Love and Light.
Prai - ses now we raise be - fore
You, Glo - ry in the high - est height

* PASSING THE PEACE

Yena Hwang

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 471

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, here my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:32-44

Nancy Jones

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

SENSES OF SCRIPTURE

Cali Bronkema

Children ages 3 and up are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in Room 204.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Now Unto Him

(traditional)

Bailey Collins, Soprano

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling and present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; To the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and forever. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:20-21

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Inconceivable!

Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word

* SERMON HYMN

Human Minds Just Can't Imagine

Hu - man minds just can't i - ma - gine all that God can bring to bear
God, ex - pand our dreams and vi - sion when we think our gifts too small
Like the grains of wheat are ga - thered from the vast and roll - ing fields

Through our small and sep - arate be - ings, e - ven when we join to share
Help us trust your great pro - vis - ion and to an - swer when you call
Like the grapes from vi - ny bran - ches whose small fruit the wine will yield

Still we fol - low where Christ leads us, ma - ny pie - ces of one whole
You who gave us time and ta - lents will up - hold and see us through
We re - mem - ber as one bo - dy, each of us a cru - cial part

That we might al - low our dream - ing to trans - form our bro - ken world
As we join to - geth - er in the work you've gi - ven us to do
In the glo - bal church pro - fess - ing: we be - long to God's own heart

Words: Anna Strickland (contemporary); Music: Joseph Haydn (1797)

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*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the Iona Community Book of Prayer)* Megan Klose
With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the spirit. With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong. With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purpose of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Nancy Jones

ONE: Lord in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors Yena and Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.

Please keep in your prayers:

Carol Kercheval on the death of her sister, Cynthia Hintz, on Feb. 24

Ed Blanton on the death of his husband and former FCPC parish associate, Rusty Lynn, on Feb. 22

Shelly Skomra on the death of her aunt, Goldie Zeller, on Feb. 13

Ongoing prayer concerns:

FCPC members: Doug Ammons, Andrea Brown, Avery Burns, Winnie Harris-Zoellner, Ruth Mileham, Elizabeth Shipley-Moses, Ken Waugh

Relatives and friends: Carolyn Armstrong, Scott Armstrong's mother; Margaret Beatty, Sam Beatty's mother; Vincent DiPerno, Paige Whitlock's nephew; Ansley McCraw, Shawn Sledge's niece; Jack Moore, Scott Moore's father

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Megan Klose

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Megan Klose

Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions. Offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, given online through our secure giving portal (fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.



OFFERTORY

Jesu, Lamb of God

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer, born the virgin Mary's Son,
who upon the cross a victim hast man's salvation won.*

*From whose side, which man had pierced flow'd the water and the blood,
by thy sacred body broken, Be in life and death our food.*

O Jesu, be in life and death our food.

* DOXOLOGY

A Lenten Doxology

Praise God through-out these for - ty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom
God did raise. And praise the Spir- it who im -
parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A- men.

WORDS: G. W. Dub Shepherd, 2006 OLD 100TH; MUSIC: attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551 LM

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* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Megan Klose

We Are Sent into the World

* SENDING HYMN 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Yena Hwang

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Creator of the Earth and Skies

Jeremiah Clarke (1670-1707)

*We have not loved you: far and wide, the wreckage of our hatred spreads,
and evils wrought by human pride recoil on unrepentant heads.*

** Please rise in body or spirit*

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Ubi Caritas

Paul M. French (contemporary)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Nancy Jones
Ushers	Steve Rutsch, Lowell Schuyler
Audio/Video	Mark Armstrong, Rick Choi
Sexton	Drew Luten
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Charlotte McPherson in loving memory of her father, William McPherson, and in celebration of his March 1, 1917, birthday.

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red welcome pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor. There are nametag boards outside of the sanctuary side entrance. Please make a nametag and wear it as a sign of hospitality.

Large-print bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances. Portable electronic hearing devices are available in the narthex.

A recording of today's service can be found at www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon.

If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, talk to one of the pastors or email Pastor Yena (yhwang@fallschurchpresby.org) or Pastor Megan (mklose@fallschurchpresby.org). Please visit our website for more information.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. **The Kids' Corner** at the front right side of the Sanctuary is where children and their grownups can play, read, or color quietly while in worship. **The Cozy Corner** along the right wall of the sanctuary has sensory toys and headphones. **Children up to age 4:** Child care is offered in Room 201 by paid nursery staff. **Children age 3 and up:** Godly Play is offered in Room 204 following Senses of Scripture.

Fellowship Hour

Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

Announcements

Hypothermia Shelter Breakfast Bag Assembling, today. Join us after worship in Fellowship Hall to prepare 300 breakfast bags-to-go for our Hypothermia Shelter guests. All are welcome to participate!

Hypothermia Shelter starts tonight. FCPC is opening our doors to neighbors in need of overnight shelter and a warm, home-cooked meal on Sunday evening, March 8, through Sunday morning, March 15. We have an almost full roster of volunteers but are still in need of two people to do the clean up on Wednesday morning. Please speak to Gail Robarge, Sue Armstrong, or Clay Warner, or sign up through the link in the Friday egram. Thank you to all who will be serving this week.

Wednesday Morning Lenten Devotions, 10:30 a.m., Conference Room and Zoom. We are using the devotional *Tell Me Something Good: Grounding Ourselves in the Good News*, which includes scripture, reflection, and art. Copies are available at the Activities Center. Led by Pastor Megan.

Serendipity Class is discussing *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time, Taking the Bible Seriously but Not Literally*, by Marcus J. Borg. Serendipity meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. Contact Beth Thomas.

Matthew 25 Group is studying *Creating a Culture of Repair*, by Robert Turner. We meet on alternating Sunday mornings and Monday evenings. Our next meeting is this Monday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor. Contact Judy Zakreski or Jenny Lansbury.

CAT Survey Results Presentation, March 22, immediately following worship. Tara Spuhler McCabe, our Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT) interpreter, will be presenting the results from our November survey.

Feasibility Study Results, March 29. The results are in! Please join us after worship on March 29 to hear the results of the feasibility study. Richie Musser, from Kirby-Smith Associates, will be presenting an executive summary of the feedback that was given through surveys and interviews during the past two months. If you are unable to attend but have questions, please email Richie Musser (rmusser@kirbysmith.com).

It's time to order your Easter lilies! The Flower Committee joyfully invites you to add to the beauty of FCPC's Easter Sunday worship by purchasing a lily to honor, celebrate, or remember a loved one, or commemorate a special day. Lilies are \$20 each and orders can be made through the link in the Friday egram. Lilies may be taken home after the 10 a.m. Easter service. Deadline to order is March 30. Questions? Email Shelly Skomra (skomras@gmail.com).

Calendar

Sunday, March 8 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Hypothermia Shelter week begins
Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room
VOICE & Justice Ministry Team, 9:00 a.m., Third Floor
Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary and online
Bagels & Bibles (grades 7+), following Senses of Scripture, Third Floor
Breakfast Bag Assembly, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Children's Ministry Playdate, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall Loft
Dinner & Devos (youth), 6:30 p.m., Falls Church Chipotle

Monday, March 9

Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft
Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Library and Zoom
Matthew 25 Group, 7:00 p.m., Third Floor

Tuesday, March 10

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:30 a.m., Zoom
Session, 7:00 p.m., Room 54

Wednesday, March 11

Lenten Devotions, 10:30 a.m., Conference Room and Zoom

Thursday, March 12

Community Building Ministry Team, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Friday, March 13

Lydia Circle, 10:30 a.m., Waugh Residence
The Bridge, 6:00 p.m., Location TBD

Saturday, March 14

Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor
Queerly Gathered Movie Night, 7:30 p.m., Third Floor

Sunday, March 15 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Hypothermia Shelter week ends
Matthew 25 Group, 9:00 a.m., Third Floor
Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room
Worship Service, Baptism and Receiving of New Members, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary and online
Worship Ministry Team, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room
Youth Group Outing, 6:00 p.m. Meet at Sky Zone Springfield

The Season of Lent

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days—like the flood of Genesis, Moses’ sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah’s journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah’s call to Ninevah to repent, and Jesus’ time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord’s Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

In the early church, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of baptism at the Easter Vigil. In many communities of faith, it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for baptism and confirmation and to reflect deeply on the theme of baptismal discipleship.

During this season of Lent, we will be using A Sanctified Art’s Lenten resource series titled *Tell Me Something Good* for our liturgy and our Lenten devotional study. This series will remind us what makes the good news truly good news and provide “fertile ground for conversation and worship, rooting our hearts and lives in the expansive goodness of God.”

Journey with us throughout this rich season of Lent.

Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, “working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.”

Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.

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